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1. Between 18 and 22 February 1953, no air activity was observed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. During the period from 27 February to 6 March, flying was observed only on 1 and 6 March. On 1 March, 6 MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks flew in a ragged formation over Erfurt at an altitude of 500 meters. Between 10:45 and 11 a.m. on 6 March, noise of a jet plane flying in or above the clouds.¹ 25X1
2. The walls of the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments at the field were being lined with plates up to a height of about 1.5 meter from the ground. On 27 February, these plates, probably of sheet metal, were individually carried by soldiers to the shrapnel proof revetments from the southwestern corner of the field, close to the edge of Bindersleben. The plates had an estimated size of 50 x 150 cm each. holes were punched into the plates. On 2 March, about 20 men graded the road which leads to the fuel dump. Eight to 10 men worked near the flight control station. About 40 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets rammed poles into the ground, about 2 meters high, about 30 cm in diameter and 4 meters apart, for a fence in the southeastern corner of the field. Barbed wire was already available.² 25X1
3. On 27 February, the AA gun crew was relieved. Thirteen men on truck were carried from the AA gun emplacements to the billets. Gun shields were observed on the guns which were not covered on this day. On 28 February, two groups of 5 to 7 men each apparently received instruction on the guns. An additional four men stood behind each gun and one soldier sat on a seat which was connected with the gun and apparently rotated with the gun. Four guns were identified in the emplacement.³ 25X1

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5. On 22 February, four swept-back jet fighters, [redacted] were observed at the field. On 8 March, landings were made by 3 swept-back jet fighters at 10 a.m., by 4 planes of the same type at noon and 2 p.m. respectively. At 2 p.m., a total of 20 swept-back jet fighters were parked at the field.

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7. An AA gun emplacement was located on the southern edge of the field east of Bindersleben. AA guns of 37-mm caliber and earthbunkers at their sides were observed in the emplacement.³

8. A radio installation consisting of a mast about 10 meters high and braced four times and a van-like truck [redacted] was located at the field. A telephone line extended from this radio installation to the south as far as the ground wave from where the line turned to the west. Another radio installation consisting of a van-like truck with a T-shaped antenna on top was observed.

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9. Six shrapnelproof aircraft revetments of earth walls were observed just north of Bindersleben. Possibly, more revetments existed there.
10. A fuel dump consisting of five containers on concrete pedestals side by side was observed west of the Peterborn Settlement. One container had an estimated capacity of 10,000 to 15,000 liters.⁵
11. An NCO and 3 EM wearing black-bordered blue epaulets worked on a barbed wire fence.
12. Trucks [redacted] were observed at the field.

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1. Comment. An advance alert unit of about six MiG-15s was previously stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. [redacted] this alert unit is in connection with the fighter division in Merseburg. [redacted] from improvement work at the field during the last months [redacted] the airfield is possibly to be occupied by additional aircraft. The arrival of about 16 MiG-15s on 8 March 1953 was also observed [redacted] It remains to be seen whether these planes will be stationed at the field temporarily or permanently.

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2. Comment. [redacted] the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were reinforced by concrete slabs, about 50 x 60 cm. The plates [redacted] possibly are sheet metal plates which are usually used for auxiliary runways.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED]
The presence of gun shields indicates that the guns are of the M 1941 type which has a caliber of 25 mm.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED]. The set with a T-shaped antenna probably is a radar set of the RUS-2 type.

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